GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1104
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2002
CONSTRUCTION OF UPPER TUNGA BHADRA
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka is going ahead with the construction on the Upper Tunga Bhadra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any prior permission has been sought from the Central Water Commission for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (e) There is no project named Upper Tunga Bhadra takenup by the Government of Karnataka. Probably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to Upper Tunga Projecton the Tunga River near Simoga, which envisages construction ofa new dam with a canal for a length of 330 km at 100 metre downstream of the existing Tunga Anicut taken up by the Government of Karnataka to provide annual irrigation of 80,494 hectare in Shimoga, Davangore and Haveri Districts, the latter two districts being drought prone.The work on the dam and canal are in progress.

The project was considered by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of WaterResources in its 79th meeting held on 24th May, 2002 and the Committee decided to defer the project till all the matters regarding environmental clearance is sorted out with the Ministry of Environment and Forests.